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Held at Headquarters, New York,
on Tuesday, 14 September 1976, at 10.30 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. JOEWONO (Indonesia)

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The meeting was called to order at 11.15 a.m.

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG

1. Mr. KEMAL (Pakistan) said that his delegation deeply mourned the passing of Chairman Mao Tse-tung, the architect of modern China, whose ideas and philosophy had inspired hundreds of millions of people in many parts of the world. Chairman Mao, a great freedom fighter, revolutionary and nation-builder, had accelerated the pace of history. Some of his most splendid achievements had occurred during the final decade of his life, when China had emerged as a great Power. His loss was felt all the more keenly by the delegation of Pakistan since Chairman Mao had been a true friend of Pakistan, standing by it in times of trouble. He wished to express his condolences to the people and Government of China as well as to the family of Chairman Mao.

2. Mr. SHU Yi-min (China) thanked the representative of Pakistan and said that he would convey his condolences to the Chinese Government.

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3. The CHAIRMAN said that before the end of its session the Committee must adopt its report and draw up a draft resolution to be submitted to the General Assembly.

4. Mr. VANDERGERT (Sri Lanka) submitted an informal paper which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace contained in resolution 2832 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971, and recalling also its resolutions 2992 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, 3080 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973, 3259 A (XXIX) of 9 December 1974, and 3468 (XXX) of 11 December 1975,

"Reaffirming its conviction that action in furtherance of the objectives of the Declaration would be a substantial contribution to the strengthening of international peace and security,

"Noting the resolution adopted at the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries on the subject of the Indian Ocean Peace Zone Proposal,

"Regretting that despite repeated invitations, certain Great Powers as well as certain major maritime users of the Indian Ocean, have not co-operated with the Ad Hoc Committee and the littoral and hinterland States of the Indian Ocean,

"1. Takes note of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean, and in particular Section II thereof concerning the

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consultations entered into by the littoral and hinterland States of the Indian Ocean in pursuance of paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 3468 (XXX);

"2. Requests the Ad Hoc Committee and the littoral and hinterland States of the Indian Ocean to continue their consultations with a view to formulating a programme of action leading up to the convening of a Conference on the Indian Ocean;

"3. Calls upon all States, in particular the Great Powers and major maritime users of the Indian Ocean, to co-operate in a practical manner with the Ad Hoc Committee in the discharge of its functions;

"4. Requests the Ad Hoc Committee to prepare, in advance of the convening of the Conference on the Indian Ocean, a suitable definition of 'littoral and hinterland States of the Indian Ocean';

"5. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to render all necessary assistance to the Ad Hoc Committee, including the provision of summary records;

"6. Requests the Ad Hoc Committee to continue its work and consultations in accordance with its mandate and to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session a report on its work."

5. He emphasized that the only purpose of the paper was to provoke discussion. He proposed that the Committee should adjourn its formal meeting and reconvene as an informal group.

6. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 11.30 a.m.